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SUBJECT: US-CANADIAN OFFSHORE BOUNDARIES: PRESS COMMENT

1. IN HALIFAX "CHRONICLE-HERALD" (7/19/77) OPINION COLUMN HEADLINED "A REGRETTABLE DECISION", EDITOR-IN-CHIEF HAROLD SHEA DEPLORES PRESENT IMPASSE IN US-CANADIAN OFFSHORE BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS ON BOTH COASTS. HE STATES BELIEF IT PREFERABLE FOR WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA TO SETTLE DISAGREEMENTS AT GOVERNMENTAL OR DIPLOMATIC LEVEL RATHER THAN BY THIRD-PARTY ARBITRATION. HOPES THAT GEORGES BANK DISPUTE CAN BE SETTLED THRU NEGOTIATION, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN DIMMED BY THE SHRIMP-SALMON HASSLE ON THE WEST COAST.

2. WASHINGTON CLOSED SALMON FISHING AREAS TO CANADIAN FISHERMEN AND OTTAWA RETALIATED BY CLOSING DOOR TO AMERICAN SALMON FISHERMEN AND BY RESTRICTING SHRIMP FISHERY AT A TIME WHEN BOUNDARY AND FISHING NEGOTIATIONS WERE UNDERWAY IN OTTAWA. CALLING THESE DECISIONS HASTY AND ILL-TIMED, SHEA SAYS THEY ARE EVIDENCE
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OF "SNARKINESS" OF WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA WHICH HAS DAMPENED CHANCES OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON BOUNDARIES AND FISHING RIGHTS.

3. POINTING OUT THAT CANADA SELLS SIX TIMES AS MUCH FISH TO UNITED STATES AS IT BUYS FROM US, SHEA SAYS NEITHER NATION CAN AFFORD TO FIND ITSELF IN A

POSITION OF UNREST IN THE FISH BUSINESS. CANADA NEEDS
THE MARKETS AND THE US NEEDS THE FISH. IF BOTH COUNTRIES
FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THEIR INTERDEPENDENCE, BOTH WILL BE
THE WORSE FOR IT. MOORE

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